

REMARKS

Claims 11-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Haavisto in view of Shimada. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

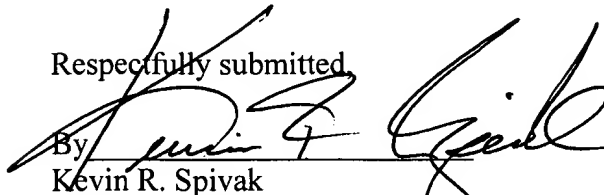
The Examiner, in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action, disagrees with the arguments set forth in the previously filed amendment, stating that Shimada discloses recognition operation names that are selected and resemble the characteristics of the entered name and are selected are ordered where the ordering is necessarily with the most likely match first, etc. As noted in the previously filed amendment, Shimada refers to lower candidates, lower-place candidates- i.e. first, second and third place candidates- without clearly stating how these candidates are characterized to implement the invention (i.e. does not clearly indicate the "use of the next lower candidate" in the case of a misrecognized utterance). Specifically, Shimada fails to teach or suggest which way the order that apparently exists between first, second and third place candidates could be defined. That is, there is no disclosure that teaches one having skilled in the art how to determine the order of the candidates. Additionally, there is no disclosure as to how a person skilled in the art would be motivated to combine the teachings of Shimada with Haavisto. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.449122005700.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Spivak", is written over a horizontal line.

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